

STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE FRANK HORTON JULY 31, 1984
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS MARKUP OF H.R. 5164

MR. CHAIRMAN, I, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR H.R. 5164. THIS LEGISLATION HAS RECEIVED THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE SCRUTINY FROM THE SENATE, THE HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE, THIS COMMITTEE AND THE PARTIES MOST IMMEDIATELY AFFECTED BY ITS PROVISIONS, THE CIA AND ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE ACLU WHICH REPRESENT PERSONS WHO MAKE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION IN CIA FILES. THE OVERSIGHT PROVISION ADDED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL GIVE THE CONGRESS A TIMELY AND RELEVANT TOOL TO EVALUATE WHETHER THIS BILL IS ACHIEVING THE GOALS SET FOR IT. AS FOR THE OTHER AMENDMENT WHICH I HAVE ALSO COSPONSORED AS AN ORIGINAL BILL, WE ARE SIMPLY MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO WHICH EXISTED BEFORE THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND OMB UNWISELY REVERSED LONG-STANDING POLICY GUIDANCE. SO, I AM GLAD TO SUPPORT THE BILL AND URGE MY COLLEAGUES TO DO LIKEWISE.